

December 29, 1955

Frank E. Falk

With the passing of Frank E. Falk, December 18, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard Strom, at Willmar, Minn., the last of the original settlers of East Riverside is gone from the scene. He and his wife were spending the winter with their daughter there, due to advancing years.

He was born in Smaland, Sweden, January 6, 1864, and came to America with his mother, Mrs. Ingrid Falk and four brothers, Jonas, Charles, August and Christian, the last named dying in a shotgun accident, November 10, 1875, shortly after the arrival of the family in the Chicago City, Minn., vicinity from Sweden.

The family moved to East Riverside to make their home in 1883 about two years after the three elder brothers had filed on homesteads there.

Immediately following his marriage to Miss Lovisa Nilsson, the new home was made on the East Riverside farm where their family of three daughters was born. The family resided there until retiring from the farm to a home in Groton about 30 years ago.

Frank Falk was a retiring, rather taciturn man, but a devoted father and husband, whose world was bounded by his home. Suffering severe financial losses in his old age, no one ever heard him complain of his misfortune. He evidently preferred not to burden his family and friends with his personal troubles.

He was a charter member of the Augustana Lutheran church in Claremont township, serving as recording secretary for a long term of years. He never sought public office, but he discharged his duty as a citizen at the ballot box faithfully throughout his long life.

Due to their advancing years the Frank Falks had spent winters at the homes of the daughters, Mrs. Alice Shoemaker, Glidden, Iowa, and Mrs. Howard Strom in Willmar, Minn. Death came to the father of the family shortly after reaching Willmar from a short visit at the Shoemaker home.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Lovisa Falk and three daughters, (Eleanora) Mrs. Howard Strom, Willmar, Minn.; (Alice) Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Glidden, Iowa, and (Frances) Mrs. Carl Lagerborg, Chicago, Ill. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Lieut. Jack Strom, recently graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and now stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia; Martha Shoemaker, Glidden, Iowa, and Don Lagerborg, Chicago, a student at Purdue University. Preceding him in death was another grandson, Robert Allen Shoemaker, who died in a tragic airline accident in December